

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to an Office Action dated August 25, 2005. Prior to this amendment claims 1-37 were pending. After amending claims 1, 8-9, 11, 18-19, 21, 25-27, 29, and 33, canceling claims 2-7, 10, 12-17, 20, 22-24, 28, 30-32, and 37, claims 1, 8-9, 11, 18-19, 21, 25-27, 29, and 33-36 remain pending.

Section 2 of the Office Action objects to the Abstract. In response, the specification has been amended so that the Abstract is fewer than 150 words.

Section 3 of the Office Action objects to the phase "can be" in claim 11. Claim 11 has been amended to remove the phase "can be."

In Section 4 of the Office Action claims 1-4, 6, 10-14, 16, and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. In response, claims 1 and 11 have been amended to replace the word "it" with the word -buffer--.

In Section 7 of the Office Action claims 1-6, 11-16, 21-24, 27, and 29-32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Noehring et al. (US 2003/0028804).

The Office Action has also rejected claims 7-9, 17-19, 25-26, and 33-36 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable with respect to Noehring in view of Brissette (US 2003/0115307).

The Office Action states that claims 10, 20, 28, and 37, would be found allowable if rewritten in independent form, including the subject matter of the base and intervening claims. In response, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 2-7 and 10. All claims

dependent from claim 1 should now be allowable. Claim 11 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 12-17 and 20. All claims dependent from claim 11 should now be allowable. Claim 21 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 22-24 and 28. All claims dependent from claim 21 should now be allowable. Claim 29 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 30-32 and 37. All claims dependent from claim 29 should now be allowable.

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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